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SUBJ: PEKING CHINESE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE OPENS

1. NEW CHINESE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS
OPENED IN PEKING OCTOBER 15 WITH TWENTY-ONE STUDENTS,
ELEVEN FROM UK, FIVE FROM JAPAN AND THE BALANCE FROM
TANZANIA AND LEBANON. STUDENTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WILL
BE ADDED LATER, THIS FIRST BATCH COMMENCING EARLY AS CONCESSION
TO BRITISH AND JAPANESE WHO LAST MONTH PROTESTED SUDDEN
POSTPONEMENT OF OPENING FROM SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER.

2. FIVE JAPANESE STUDENTS ARE FOREIGN OFFICE MEMBERS.
ALL BACHELORS, THEY LIVE IN DORMITORY AT INSTITUTE.
JAPANESE EMBOFF SAID, HOWEVER, THAT SELECTION OF BACHELORS
WAS FORTUITOUS, AND HAD MARRIED OFFICER COME HE ASSUMED
HE COULD HAVE LIVED IN CITY, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE QUITE
INCONVENIENT. COURSE OF STUDY FOR JAPANESE IS TWO YEARS,
AND THEY CARRIED ON ROLLS OF JAPANESE EMBASSY. BRITISH
STUDENTS ARE PRIMARILY UNIVERSITY GRADUATES, AND OTHER
COUNTRIES, NOW IN SELECTION PROCESS, APPARENTLY WILL SEND
MIX OF ACADEMICS AND FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL.

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3. IN MOST CASES, SENDING OF STUDENTS IS RECIPROCAL,

WITH EQUAL NUMBER OF CHINESE GOING TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES. AT
LEASE IN CASE OF JAPANESE, EACH SIDE PAYS OWN COSTS.
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